

## LESSON 28: TYPES OF NOUNS

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The two large categories of nouns are proper nouns and common nouns. Common nouns can be classed as concrete, abstract, or collective.

1. **Proper nouns** name particular things and are capitalized.

2. **Common nouns** name general classes of things.

**Concrete nouns** name physical things that can be seen, touched, or tasted (*tree, plate, flower*).

**Abstract nouns** name concepts, qualities, or conditions (*strength, wisdom, beauty*).

**Collective nouns** name collections of objects (*flock, choir, audience, family*).

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### Exercise:

In the following excerpt from “The Ugly Duckling” by Hans Christian Andersen, list each of the common nouns in italics and identify as concrete, abstract, or collective.

In this snug *retreat* sat a *duck* upon her nest, watching for her young *brood* to hatch; but the *pleasure* she had felt at first was almost gone; she had begun to think it was a wearisome *task*, for the little ones were taking so long to come out of their *shells*, and she seldom had *visitors*. The other ducks liked much better to swim about in the *canals* than to climb the slippery banks, and sit under the burdock leaves to have a *gossip* with her. It was a long *time* to stay so much by herself.

Noun	Type
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
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